winter; and the present Overseer who experienced the difficulty was not the gentleman who planned them in the summer. What we should do is to watch their working during the winter season, and if they do not serve any useful purpose, to remove the culverts and place them in other places where there is scope for free proper drainage, so that this is my supplementary question. Will not the Government be pleased to watch their working?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—But our information is that they are functioning properly.

President.—The matter shall be taken notice of and investigated, and then, if there is no necessity for these culverts, they may be removed.

The construction of a dam near Thannikkudam for irrigation purposes.

347. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether survey operations are now being carried on with a view to construct a dam in the forest tracts near Thannikkudam in the Trichur Taluk for storing water for irrigation purposes;

(2) whether it is also intended to utilise the storage of water referred to in (1) for producing electricity; and

(3) whether the Government has passed orders sanctioning survey operations referred to in (1)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, if found possible.

(3) Yes.

The Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme and the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

348. Mr Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether the Government has abandoned the following schemes:—

(a) the Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme,

(b) the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme;

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